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Fulbright Backs Summit Talks

By the Associated Press

Senator Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas, said yesterday next month's summit conference will disclose whether Soviet Russia wants to ban nuclear testing and ease tension over Berlin.

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee maintained that for these reasons alone President Eisenhower's meeting in Paris with Soviet Premier Khrushchev and British and French leaders "will be well worthwhile."

Senator Fulbright voiced his views in a radio-television interview with Senator Smathers, Democrat of Florida, recorded for use on Florida stations.

Senator Fulbright said earlier last week if a treaty is signed in mid-May for banning tests of nuclear weapons with a moratorium on smaller explosions the Senate could act on ratification before adjournment.

He added that the summit meeting also may "give us a better understanding of what the (Soviet) determination is with regard to Berlin."

"In other words," Senator Fulbright said, "we're bound to find out a good deal about their attitude."

Senator Fulbright said Russia and Red China will continue to co-operate "in the foreseeable future" and any conflict would arise "only after China itself has acquired independent strength."